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PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of LB 653. The question is, shall LB 653 then as amended be advanced from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, no nays, remainder not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. That brings up for General File debate then LB 729.

CLERK: LB 729 (read)

(End Belt #5)

(Start Belt #6)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would move the advancement of the bill. Last year in designating Veterans Day as November 11th an idea in which I heartily concur, particularly inasmuch as that date is twice as big as I am. But we did create for certain banks in this state a liability both financial and legal with respect with items in transit. The checks being moved between banks. This bill first of all restates that Veterans Day shall be November 11th and Memorial Day shall be April 30th which is important to many people including myself. It further incorporates a similar bill introduced by Senator Stull who added his name to the bill, and I believe will make unnecessary a bill proposed by Senator Snyder, although that of course is within his domain. However this gives permission for those banks adversely affected to remain open. And it also gives to all banks the option of taking either November 11th or the Federal Veterans Day at their option. Now I don't think we mandate any other business closed on these particular days, and to those whom impair by such legislation, I think we are releasing from it. That is the main thrust of it, and I again reiterate it is not to change Veterans Day or Memorial Day. I move it's advancement.

PRESIDENT: The Chair next recognizes Senator Syas, then Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I'm not opposing the bill. However I think from Senator Murphy's explanation, it's not going to solve it. I predict that they have the option and the general public is going to be just as confused as ever so they are going to go to the bank and they will be closed both days or they'll be open and closed or they'll be open both days, and I think that what will probably happen it is that they will close both days. But that remains to be seen. But since we have the bill on the situation and the Federal Government has another date I think we are going to be in problems all the time, as I say to Senator Murphy, I'm not opposing this, but I know what happened in Omaha last time. Court House closed on one of them, open on another. Some of the banks closed, some of them open. So all these banks are going to have a different day of closing or opening, and we're giving them the option all right, but I think it doesn't solve the confusion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.